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**MEMO TO:** North Dakota Educators  
  
**FROM:** Laurie Matzke, Division Manager  
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**DATE:** December 4, 2015  
  
**RE:** Important Updates

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Please note the following three important updates:

- 1) ESEA Reauthorization
- 2) Title II Carryover Funds
- 3) Title I and Title II Reallocated Funds

**1) ESEA Reauthorization**

Progress is being made regarding the ESEA reauthorization. The bill, *Every Student Succeeds Act*, passed the House on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. The Senate is expected to vote early next week. We could possibly have a new law in place before the holiday break.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) has created a new website to share and disseminate information on the reauthorization as it is released. All reauthorization information, including a link to the bill, is posted at [www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Resources/Reauth/](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Resources/Reauth/). We have tentatively scheduled regional reauthorization trainings. Mark your calendar to attend one of three regional trainings in spring 2016 to learn about the reauthorization. A flyer on the regional trainings is attached and can be accessed on the reauthorization website.

<b>April 7, 2016</b>	<b>April 12, 2016</b>	<b>April 13, 2016</b>
Cambria Hotel & Suites West Fargo, ND	Grand Hotel Minot, ND	Baymont Inn & Suites Mandan, ND

**2) Title II Carryover Funds**

Historical protocol in the NDDPI required districts that carried over Title II/REAP funds into the subsequent school year to obligate those carryover funds by December 31 of that year. The funds had to be paid out and requested from the NDDPI by mid-January.

The NDDPI has revised its policy on the Title II carryover funds. Effective immediately, districts will have the entire 2015-2016 school year to use their Title II carryover funds, including funds that have been REAPed into other programs.

**3) Title I and II Reallocated Funds**

The Office of Federal Title Programs is in the process of approving applications for those districts that applied for Title I and/or Title II/REAP funds. Most of the Title II/REAP approval notices have been disseminated. The Title I reallocated applications will be reviewed and approved on STARS this week, and the approval emails will be disseminated on Monday, December 7, 2015.

Once the process is complete, the NDDPI will have disseminated over \$1.2 million in Title I reallocated funds and approximately \$150,000 in Title II/REAP reallocated funds.

As a reminder, the local school district's accounting ledger must reflect the amounts approved by the Office of Federal Title Programs for the 2015-2016 school year. Districts should use the following codes to account for the Title I and Title II funds:

- Project Code 068 – Title I
- Project Code 075 – Title IIA Teacher/Principal Training
- Project Code 082 – REAP/Transferability

All reallocated funds should be under the Program Code 298 – Other Federal Program.

Districts will be required to submit an addendum with ledger indicating the expenditure of these funds along with their Final Financial Report so it is important to code them as indicated above.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this memorandum, please contact me at [lmatzke@nd.gov](mailto:lmatzke@nd.gov) or (701) 328-2284, or your assigned Student Support & Innovation contact person found at [www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/126/contacts.pdf](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/126/contacts.pdf).